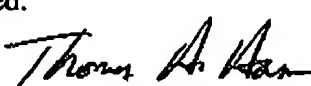



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| <b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b><br><b>Under Small Entity Status</b>  |                                     |                            |  | Attorney Docket No: INK-002       |       |                         |
| Application Serial Number:<br>10/829,593   |                                     | Filing Date:<br>04/21/2004 |  | Examiner:<br>Rachuba, Maurina T.  |       | Group Art Unit:<br>3723 |
| Invention: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR POLISHING SEMICONDUCTOR WAFERS USING ONE OR MORE POLISHING SURFACES  |                                     |                            |  |                                   |       |                         |
| TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:<br>Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.  |                                     |                            |  |                                   |       |                         |
| <b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>   |                                     |                            |  |                                   |       |                         |
|  | CLAIMS REMAINING<br>AFTER AMENDMENT |                            | HIGHEST NUMBER<br>PREVIOUSLY PAID<br>FOR | NO. OF EXTRA<br>CLAIMS<br>PRESENT | RATE  | ADDITIONAL<br>FEE       |
| TOTAL CLAIMS   | 113                                 | MINUS                      | 113                                      | 0                                 | \$25  | \$ 0.00                 |
| INDEP. CLAIMS  | 11                                  | MINUS                      | 11                                       | 0                                 | \$100 | \$ 0.00                 |
| <p>____ Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action _____ to and through _____, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of:</p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;">             ____ one month (\$60)                      ____ three months (\$510)<br/>             ____ two months (\$225)                      ____ four months (\$795)           </p>  |                                     |                            |  |                                   |       |                         |
| <b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>   |                                     |                            |  |                                   |       | <b>\$ 0.00</b>          |
| <p>____ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.</p> <p>____ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.</p> <p>____ A check in the amount of \$ _____ is attached.</p> <p>____ Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account _____.</p> <p><u>  X  </u> No additional fee is required.</p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;"> <u>4/11/2005</u><br/>             Date           </p> <p style="margin-left: 300px;"> <br/>             Thomas H. Ham<br/>             Reg. No. 43,654           </p> |                                     |                            |  |                                   |       |                         |
| <b>CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8</b><br>I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office facsimile number (703) 872-9306 on April 11, 2005.<br>Number of Pages: <u>  3  </u> (including TRANSMITTAL LETTER)<br><p style="text-align: center;"> <br/>             Thomas H. Ham           </p>  |                                     |                            |  |                                   |       |                         |

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir/Madam:

In the Office Action dated March 11, 2005, the Examiner has asked the Applicant to elect from one of the following three groups:

Group I: Claims 7-9, 24-30, 53-67, 86-97 and 103-107, drawn to a method, classified in class 451, subclass 41.

Group II: Claims 1-6, 10-23, 31-52, 68-85 and 98-102, drawn to a combination, classified in class 451, subclass 011.

Group III: Claims 108-113, drawn to a subcombination, classified in class 451, subclass 402.

Furthermore, the Examiner has asked the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species from a list of alleged patentably distinct species.

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In response, Applicant elects without traverse Group II: Claims 1-6, 10-23, 31-52, 68-85 and 98-102, drawn to a combination, classified in class 451, subclass 011. Furthermore, Applicant elects without traverse "species 1, figure 1."

5 Applicant respectfully suggests that claims 1-6, 10-23, 31-52, 68-85 and 98-102 related to the elected Group II in the patent application are distinct over the prior art and that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

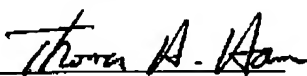
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Respectfully submitted,

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